

## BOOKS ABOUT CHILDREN'S MATERIALS: A SELECTED LIST

There are literally hundreds of books available about children's literature, so the following list represents just a fraction of what exists. The Department of Libraries owns all of the books on this list, plus hundreds of other related titles. Most can be borrowed through Interlibrary Loan. In addition to bibliographies and histories of children's literature, the Children's Book Exhibit Center has indexes to help you locate songs, poems, fingerplays, and folktales. Don't forget to ask for help if you get stuck!

Adamson, Lynda G. *Literature Links to American History, K-6: Resources to Enhance and Entice*. Libraries Unlimited, 2010. \$65.00. ISBN 978-1-5915-8468-1.  
Chronologically arranged, each chapter contains recommended fiction and nonfiction of the period plus graphic novels and DVDs.

Adamson, Lynda G. *Literature Links to American History, 7-12: Resources to Enhance and Entice*. Libraries Unlimited, 2010. \$65.00. ISBN 978-1-5915-8469-8.  
Similar to above, but for middle and high school students.

Adamson, Lynda G. *Literature Links to World History, K-12: Resources to Enhance and Entice*. Libraries Unlimited, 2010. \$65.00. ISBN 978-1-5915-8470-4.  
Chapters on Europe and the British Isles are arranged chronologically and recommend fiction, nonfiction, graphic novels, CDs and DVDs. In addition there are much shorter chapters on large geographical regions of the world (e.g. "Afghanistan and the Indian subcontinent" or "China, Japan and Korea").

*Children's Core Collection*. 20th edition. H.W. Wilson, 2010. \$210.00. ISBN 978-0-8242-1106-6. (Price includes three annual supplements).  
A selected, classified catalog of recommended children's books, preschool to 6<sup>th</sup> grade, arranged with nonfiction first, in order by Dewey Decimal Classification, followed by fiction, short stories, and easy books. Titles included are all in print unless otherwise noted. Analytical index. Also available as a web subscription.

*Children's Writer's & Illustrator's Market*. Annual. Writer's Digest Books.  
Advice to writers, and lists of publishers and what they want.

Ford, Deborah B. *Scary, Gross, and Enlightening Books for Boys Grades 3-12*. Linworth, 2009. ISBN 978-1-5868-3344-2.  
Nine chapters cover the most appealing genres for boys: sports, adventure, fantasy, humor, nonfiction, etc.. Includes activities, web resources and reading levels.

Hahn, Daniel, Leonie Flynn & Susan Reuben. *Ultimate Teen Book Guide*. Walker, 2007. ISBN 978-0-8027-9730-8.

Includes reviews of more than 700 fiction, nonfiction, classics and graphic novels of interest to teens. Reviews are by popular authors, librarians, teachers and teens. Also some brief thematic lists. Bibliographic information not included.

Lima, Carolyn W. and Rebecca L. Thomas. *A to Zoo: Subject Access to Children's Picture Books*. Libraries Unlimited, 2010. 8th ed. \$85.00. ISBN 978-1-5988-4406-1.

An indispensable aid for finding picture books on a particular topic, both fiction and nonfiction.

*Middle and Junior High Core Collection*. 10<sup>th</sup> ed. H.W. Wilson, 2009. \$290.00. (Price includes three annual supplements.) ISBN 978-0-8242-1102-8.

Same format as *Children's Core Collection*, but contains books for older children, although many titles appear in both volumes.

Silvey, Anita. *500 Great Books for Teens*. Houghton Mifflin, 2006. \$26.00. ISBN 978-0-618-61296-3.

Silvey divides her selections into categories such as "Edgy, Trendsetting Novels," "Humor" and "Political and Social Conscience."

Trelease, Jim. *The Read-Aloud Handbook*. 6<sup>th</sup> ed. Penguin, 2006. \$15.00. ISBN 0-14-30373-90.

A very useful guide to books that read aloud well, plus several chapters on the importance of reading aloud. Helpful for parents, teachers and librarians.

Zbaracki, Matthew D. *Best Books for Boys*. Libraries Unlimited, 2008. \$45.00. ISBN 978-1-5915-8599-2.

500 titles that appeal to boys from grades 3-10, organized by genre.

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